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**Introduced by Senator Ackerman**

February 20, 2003

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An act relating to water resources, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 563, as introduced, Ackerman. Water Quality Information Clearinghouse.

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, a measure approved by the voters on March 5, 2002, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,600,000,000 for the purposes of financing acquisition and development projects.

This bill would appropriate \$15,000,000 from bond funds made available by that measure to the University of California to fund the establishment of a Water Quality Information Clearinghouse, whose purpose would be to consolidate relevant information on water quality studies, available technologies, state regulations, and public and private grants. This provision would not be operative unless and until the Regents of the University of California certify to the Controller that the funds appropriated by the bill will be used to establish the clearinghouse.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Of the funds made available pursuant to Section  
2 5096.650 of the Public Resources Code, the sum of fifteen million

1 dollars (\$15,000,000) is hereby appropriated to the University of  
2 California, to fund the establishment of a Water Quality  
3 Information Clearinghouse to be located at the Information Center  
4 for the Environment at the University at California at Davis. The  
5 purpose of the clearinghouse is to consolidate relevant information  
6 on water quality studies, available technologies, state regulations,  
7 and public and private grants.

8 SEC. 2. Section 1 of this act is not operative unless and until  
9 the Regents of the University of California certify to the Controller  
10 that the funds appropriated in that section will be used to establish  
11 the Water Quality Information Clearinghouse, as specified in that  
12 section.

